

## Outdoor Water Conservation Tips

Take advantage of "natural" irrigation by directing runoff toward your gardens instead of into the street.

Grouping plants according to their watering needs can save a substantial amount of water.

Mulches help stabilize soil temperature, prevent evaporation, and discourage weed growth.

## Employee Spotlight

### Larry Leone

Larry Leone has worked for the Water & Sewer Dept. for almost 16 years. Aside from being involved in the normal daily operations, he performs the specialty fabrication and maintenance on our equipment.

Larry was an integral part of the landscape construction for our new water conservation garden at the Town Hall.

## Town Hall Garden

This project garden uses low-water landscaping and irrigation methods coupled with drought-tolerant native plants that thrive in the harsh New England climate.

The garden is next to the Town Hall on the Police Dept. side of the building. Stop by and check it out!

## Energy Star Appliance Rebates

The Shrewsbury Water Conservation Project is now offering \$50 rebates on all Energy Star dishwashers and select Energy Star clothes washers. These rebates are available for Shrewsbury residents only.

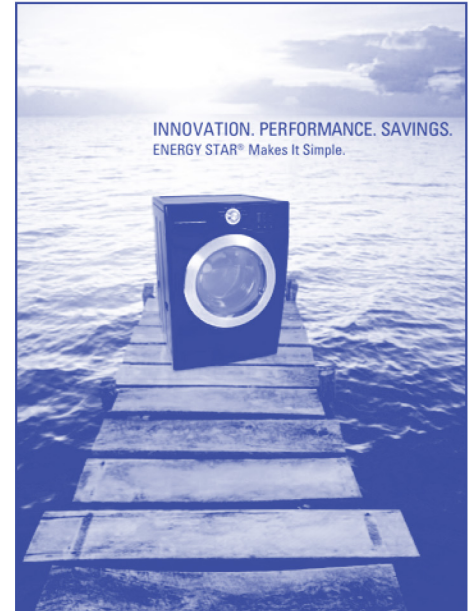


Appliances must be purchased between July 1, 2006 and December 31, 2006 to be eligible for this rebate.

For a rebate form and a complete list of rebate-eligible appliances, please visit [www.shrewsbury-ma.gov/rebates](http://www.shrewsbury-ma.gov/rebates) or go to the Water Dept. at the Shrewsbury

Town Hall during regular business hours. A list of companies that will recycle your old appliances has been compiled by the Health Dept. This list is available on the website listed above and at the Water Dept. office.

SELCO (Shrewsbury Electric and Cable Operations) is also offering a \$50 rebate on Energy Star dishwashers and washing machines. It is acceptable for residents to apply for both the Shrewsbury Water Conservation Project rebate and the SELCO rebate. However, please be sure to send each rebate to the proper address as they are processed at separate locations and have different requirements.



## Conservation Kits Available For Purchase at Water Department

Indoor and outdoor water conservation kits are now on sale at the Water Department at the Shrewsbury Town Hall for \$3.00 per kit. The cost of these kits is subsidized by the Shrewsbury Water Conservation Project, and all money taken in from the sale of these kits goes back into the fund to continue the program.

The indoor water conservation kit pictured at right includes a low-flow shower head, a kitchen sink aerator, 2 bathroom sink aerators, a package of leak detection dye tablets, a toilet water displacement bag, a toilet fill cycle diverter, a roll of Teflon tape, a shower flow meter, and a drip gauge.



The outdoor water conservation kit pictured at left includes two hose connectors to reseal and eliminate leaks on garden hoses, a low-flow multi-position garden nozzle, and a rain gauge. This kit helps reduce water consumption by repairing leaking hose couplings, washers, and nozzle, plus the rain gauge helps avoid over-watering.

These conservation kits are for Shrewsbury residents ONLY and can be purchased at the Water Department during regular business hours.





### "Water Works TV"

Watch the following new episodes of *Water Works TV* on SGTv-30 and catch previous episodes on SELCO VOD.

#### Times

- Mon 3pm & 11pm
- Tue 8:30am & 7:30pm
- Wed 6am, 11:30am, 3:30pm & 6:30pm

#### Town Hall Garden

(Airing mid-July to late August)

Learn about the low-water demonstration garden at the Town Hall. See the garden grow from start to finish.

#### Designing Water-Smart Landscapes

(Airing early Sept. to mid-Oct.)

Save money and increase the value of your home with water-conscious landscaping. Landscaper Donna Rudek offers before and after photos of area homes, fall planting tips and more!

### S.O.S. Expo at Oak Middle School



- **Where:** Oak Middle
- **When:** Sept. 30, 2006
- **Time:** 10 am to 4 pm

The Shrewsbury Water Conservation Project will be hosting a booth at the Spirit of Shrewsbury Oak Expo on Sept. 30.

We'll be giving away 100 indoor water conservation kits courtesy of a Mass. DEP grant. **Shrewsbury Residents ONLY.**

### SELCO Arbor Day Celebration

As part of SELCO's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Arbor Day Celebration in April, the Shrewsbury Water Conservation Project was on hand to pass out free indoor and outdoor water conservation kits to Shrewsbury residents.

### Rain Barrel Program a Success

Shrewsbury's partnership with the New England Rain Barrel Company to provide discounted rain barrels to Shrewsbury residents was a HUGE success. Shrewsbury sold more than 270 rain barrels, putting ours among the most successful rain barrel events in New England Rain Barrel Company history!

If you were one of the many residents who purchased a rain barrel you will be receiving a postcard through the mail requesting feedback on the program. Please help us by responding to our request. Your feedback not only will help us in planning future programs, but it will increase our chances of receiving future water conservation grants.

### Rain Sensor Gauges

As of this printing, the Shrewsbury Water Conservation Project has given away more than 50 free rain sensor gauges to Shrewsbury residents. If you have an in-ground automatic lawn sprinkler system and are interested in receiving a free rain sensor gauge, please stop by the Water Dept.

office at the Shrewsbury Town Hall during regular business hours.

### Town Hall Demonstration Garden

The low-water demonstration garden at the Shrewsbury Town Hall is complete! Be sure to come by and check out this amazing project. Water & Sewer Superintendent Bob Tozeski, and Water & Sewer employees Larry Leone, Rick Nolli, Rich Fox, Dave Maniero, and Vinny Roy, along with Town Hall Senior Custodian Roger Erickson, put in many hours of hard work to produce a wonderful example of how using native plants, interesting mulches and small amounts of lawn can conserve water and beautify a space.



Be sure to watch "Town Hall Garden" on SGTv-30 in July and August to see the garden come together from start to finish.

## New Residential Water Rate Schedule

New rates for water sold after May 1, 2006 are now in effect. The increase, Shrewsbury's first since 1991, became necessary to fund capital improvements to the water system.

In 2003, the residential rate was altered to reduce consumption for water conservation purposes. The town manager has provided to the Board of Selectmen a series of exhibits outlining the financial impact of this action ([www.shrewsbury-ma.gov/manager/geninfo.asp#water](http://www.shrewsbury-ma.gov/manager/geninfo.asp#water)).

Town of Shrewsbury Water Rates Effective May 1, 2006	
Minimum charge	\$ 16.50/qtr. (5,000 gallons)
5,001 to 25,000 gallons	\$ 2.85/1,000 gallons
25,001 to 50,000 gallons	\$ 5.20/1,000 gallons
In excess of 50,000	\$ 6.35/1,000 gallons
Apartments (4 + units)	\$ 3.45/1,000 gallons
Summer service	\$50.00 for turn-on and turn-off   \$4.50/1,000 gallons up to 60,000 gallons \$4.75/1,000 gallons over 60,000

